

## **VeenaGana Chamber Concerts**

Welcome to the Veenagana chamber concerts. ☺

The VeenaGana chamber music concerts were conceived in the spring of 2012. The mission was to provide a comfortable platform for the students of VeenaGana to practice singing in front of an audience.

The first chamber concert was held in the summer of 2012. It is generally held in the third Sunday of every month, 4 - 6pm. There is a main artiste (vocal/veena) who performs a couple of songs with accompaniments (mridangam and/or violin) followed by 2 or more singers who may sing one or two songs each. There is also a MC and a Reviewer for the concerts. The MC needs to be in middle school or higher.

One of the participants (main artiste's family is given preference) tries to host the event. It is not mandatory, but the host can choose to provide food at the end of the concert. If the host decides to provide the food, the host will coordinate the menu. All the performer's (vocal/ veena) families chip in with a dish or two each. All Veenagana students are requested to attend these concerts with their families. The host can additionally choose to invite their personal friends as well.

The children that are going to be performing with accompaniments should coordinate one or more practice sessions with the accompaniments. All participants will be requested to fill in a MC questionnaire that will give the MC some information that can be used to introduce everyone. The MCs will also provide some music related quiz questions / information for the audience in between the items. The Veenagana chamber concert team (right now - Deepa Salem, Indu Subramanian and Vidya Sundaram) consisting of Veenagana parents will assist you with the entire process.

Once the group for the month is finalized, the following happen:

- A group email will introduce participants' parents to each other.
- MC questionnaires will be distributed.
- The singers who are going to perform with accompaniments will coordinate practice sessions with the accompaniments.
- Hosts, if they choose to provide food, start coordinating the menu.
- Before the last week, the responses to the MC questionnaires are expected. Responses are sent to the MC. Song selections are sent to the Reviewer.
- The host has to rent the mike equipment and the families of the performers (vocal / veena) will split the cost.

On the first of the month, the chamber team will send out the evite to all veenagana families. The host and singers families can keep track of the RSVP numbers by viewing the evite.

After the concert, the Reviewer will send in a description of the concert to our guru by email. The review will be included in the next Veenagana Prakashana newsletter . The chamber concerts are currently scheduled to be conducted in the following months of the year: January, February, March, June, July, August, September and December.

We look forward to your participation in these concerts. ☺

